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Call for abstracts (2nd CFP)

Every other year the [EuChemS Working Party on the History of Chemistry](#) (WPHC) organizes an international conference on the history of chemistry, open to colleagues from all over the world. The general aim of the conferences organised by the WPHC is to facilitate communication between historically interested chemists, museum curators, science educators and historians of chemistry, and to gather the community on a regular basis. The [14th International Conference on the History of Chemistry](#) (14 ICHC) will take place from **11 to 14 of June, 2025** in Valencia, Spain, on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea.

The 14 ICHC will be hosted by the [Lopez Piñero Inter-University Institute - University of Valencia](#), an academic institution which supports research projects and outreach activities on historical and social studies on medicine, technology, science and the environment.

The general conference theme is **Chemistry & Capitalism** with the aim to foster debates about the relationship between chemistry broadly constructed, industry, environment, and regulations through a historical perspective. A non-exhaustive list of possible topics includes:

- Chemistry/chymistry in the market before capitalism
- Artisans & industries
- Globalization & corporative powers
- Experts in economy & science
- Fascist science
- Communist science
- Gendered technologies
- Regulation & decision-making
- Commodification & circulation of chemistry
- Toxics & agriculture
- Environmental history
- Labor & trade unions in chemistry
- Neoliberalism & academy
- Communicating science and propaganda
- Chemistry in mass media

Sessions and papers on all aspects of the historical development of material and life sciences are also welcomed.

The conference programme will include scientific sessions, and the following key-note lectures:

- Francesca Antonelli (Universitat de València), “Compound Interests: The Paulze and Lavoisier Families between Chemistry, Administration, and Politics (1760s–1830s)”
- Angela Creager (Princeton University), “Chemical Passports: Environmental Science, Information, and Regulation in the Trade of Toxic Substances”
- David Edgerton (King's College London), “What can chemistry tells us about capitalism, and what can capitalism tells us about chemistry?”

The conference will also feature an early Career information session, the Commission for the History of Chemistry and Molecular Sciences (CHCMS) Early Career Lecture, the John and Martha Morris award ceremony, the WPHC business meeting, as well as social events such as a welcome party, a conference dinner, and a visit to the blast furnace and other industrial heritage sites in the city of [Sagunto](#), which also preserves a Roman castle and theater.

Important Dates

- Deadline for submitting proposals: 1 December 2024
- Notification of acceptance: 5 February
- Provisional programme: March 2025
- Application for grants (SHAC, CHCMS & IILP): 28 February 2025
- Decision about grants: 15 March 2025
- Early bird registration: before 15 April 2025
- Late registration: before 16 April - 15 May 2025
- Deadline to have paper included in the programme: 15 May 2025
- On-site registration (not included in the programme): 16 May - 14 June 2025
- Final programme: Late May 2025
- Conference dates: 11 - 14 June 2025 (Saturday excursion included)

Proposal guidelines

The programme committee especially encourages the submission of panel/session proposals, but also welcomes the submission of stand-alone papers. Collaborations and co-authorships are accepted.

All proposals must be in English, the language of the conference. Submitted abstracts and session proposals (max. 250 words) will be subject to review by an International Advisory Committee, that assists the Steering Organising Committee in ensuring the quality of the conference programme (see below). Sessions should include about 4-6 papers, and no more than one session can be proposed by the same organizer. There is a limit of one paper per presenter (including the papers listed inside a panel or a session). Each participant will have 15 minutes to present the paper, additional time will be included in all session for discussions and debates. All paper proposals must use the templates for [panels](#) and [papers](#) provided on the conference website, and submitted by email (by December 1st, 2024) to: 14ichcvalencia@gmail.com

Additional information on submission

- The Steering Committee has the flexibility to adjust the proposed sessions as necessary.

- The Working Party for the History of Chemistry is committed to advancing gender equality, social justice, and geographical diversity at our conferences. The review process will take these factors into account to ensure the event is accessible to scholars from diverse backgrounds, institutions, and professional circumstances, while promoting inclusivity and equitable representation within academia.

Venue

The conference will be organized by the Lopez Piñero Interuniversity Institute (University of Valencia). The Institute is located in a restored 18th century palace in the centre of the city of Valencia, where the Historical-Medical Library and the Scientific-Medical Collection of the University of Valencia are located, with permanent and temporary monographic exhibitions.

Registration fees

Category	Early bird (before 15 April)	Regular fee (16 April – 15 May)	On-site registration (16 May -14 June) (not included in the programme)
Conference fee, regular participants	250 €	300 €	400 €
Reduced fee (students and independent scholars)*	50 €	100 €	200 €
Accompanying persons	150 €	200 €	300 €
Conference dinner	€ to be announced		
Day excursion	€ to be announced		
Tour in the city	€ to be announced		

Registration will open will open in February 2025.

The registration fees include the following:

- Admission to all conference sessions
- Conference materials and participant package
- Light lunches at the conference venue for the three days of the meeting
- Tea, coffee, and refreshments during session breaks

(*) Please note that **reduced fees** are intended for pre-doctoral or postdoctoral students without economic resources, or unemployed scholars and other individuals in a precarious financial situation, and particularly to those who lack regular sources of income. Applicants are required to submit a letter or statement detailing their circumstances by 28 February 2025

Practical info

Permissions: In registering for the 14 ICHC, participants and speakers grant permission to the ICHC team to film, record or photograph it, as well as to be included in the book of abstracts. It is understood that these recordings and photographs may be used for news or promotional purposes for the promotion of the conference.

For practical information about the city, accommodations, and other details, please visit the [website section](#), which will be updated regularly.

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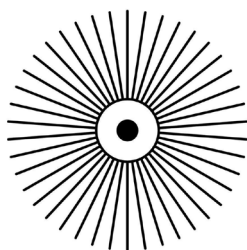
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